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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA FEDERAL BUILDING & COURTHOUSE 228 WALNUT STREET, P.O. BOX 847 HARRISBURG, PA 17108-0847

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Re: Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc. v. Representative Rick Saccone, Clancy Myer and Anthony Frank Barbush Civil Action No. 1:12-CV-536

The referenced action has been assigned to me. If service of the initial pleading is not made within the time allotted by the rules of procedure, a status report shall be submitted to the court addressing the reasons for the delay and the course of action being taken.

Once joinder of this matter has been accomplished, the court will issue an order setting a time and date for a mandatory conference between counsel for all parties and the court. Such a conference is mandated by Rule 16 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The purpose of this conference is to establish deadlines for the management of this case. The order scheduling the conference will inform the parties in more detail of their responsibilities in preparation for this conference. Accordingly, it is essential that the answer (or other responsive pleading/motion) be filed in the time provided for in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. To this end, counsel, as well as <u>pro se</u> litigants, are admonished not to enter into agreements for extensions of time without also seeking court approval. The court will not honor such agreements standing alone.

The parties are advised to comply fully with Rule 26 and other provisions of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Counsel shall not cease active discovery efforts pending disposition of a motion to dismiss.

Any inquiries you have concerning this case and its progress should be directed to Kimberly McKinney, Deputy Clerk of Court, P.O. Box 983, Federal Building, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, telephone number (717) 221-3941.

Sincerely,

S/ Christopher C. Conner CHRISTOPHER C. CONNER United States District Judge

cc: Clerk of Court